How to Knit a Sweater:

# 7 Free Sweater Patterns



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# **Letter from the Editors**

Dear Knitters,

Stay extra warm this winter by working up this collection of knit sweater patterns. From fashionable designs like Grandma's Favorite Sweater, to comfortable patterns like the Mens Weekend Sweater, there are projects available for life's everyday happenings all within the confines of this eBook. We hope you enjoy working on these projects as much as we loved pulling together this toasty collection of sweaters.

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Happy Knitting,

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# **Grandma's Favorite Sweater**

# By: <u>Designed by Vladimira Cmorej for Red</u> Heart Yarn

Dress to impress with this classic knit sweater pattern that boasts a neat, scooped neckline and ribbed sleeves. Accented with rows of the cable stitch, Grandma's Favorite Sweater is an attractive design that flatters a variety of body types. Knit one today in your favorite color to enjoy all winter long.



Directions are for size Small; changes for sizes Medium, Large, XLarge and XXLarge are in parentheses.

Finished Bust: 35, (39, 43, 47, 51)".

Finished Length: 20¾ (21¾, 22½, 23½, 24¼)

# **Materials:**

- RED HEART® "Shimmer™": 4 (4, 5, 6,
   6) balls 1929 Red.
- Knitting Needles: 4 mm [US 6].
- Circular Knitting Needles: 3.5 mm [US 4], 24" long.
- Cable needle, stitch holders (2), stitch markers (2), yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 20 sts = 4"; 27 rows = 4" in Stockinette stitch st. 23 sts = 4"; 29 rows = 4" in Cable Pattern (slightly stretched). CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

# **Special Abbreviat ions**

**2/2 LC** = slip next 2 sts to cable needle, hold to front; k2; k2 from cable needle.

**2/2 RC** = slip next 2 sts to cable needle, hold to back; k2; k2 from cable needle.

# **Instructions**

Cable Pattern for Panel A (multiple of 6 sts + 1) **Row 1 (right side):** P1, \* 2/2 RC, p2; repeat from \*.

**Row 2:** \* K2, p4; repeat from \* to last st, k1.

**Row 3:** P1, \* k4, p2; repeat from \*.

**Rows 4 - 7**: Repeat Rows 2 and 3 two times.

**Row 8**: Repeat Row 2.

**Repeat Rows 1 - 8** five times more, then repeat Rows 1 - 6 once more for Cable Panel A.

Cable Pattern for Panel B (multiple of 6 sts + 1) **Row 1 (right side)**: \* P2, 2/2 LC; repeat from \* to last st, p1.

**Row 2**: K1, \* p4, k2; repeat from \*.

**Row 3:** \* P2, k4; repeat from \* to last st, p1.

**Rows 4 - 7:** Repeat Rows 2 and 3, two times.

**Row 8**: Repeat Row 2.

**Repeat Rows 1 – 8**, five times more, then Rows 1 - 6 once more for Cable Panel B.

**Row 1 (right side)**: P1, \* k4, p2; repeat from \* to last 5 sts, k4, p1.

**Row 2**: K1, \* p4, k2; repeat from \* to last 5 sts, p4, k1.

Rows 3 - 6: Repeat Rows 1 and 2, two times.

**Row 7**: P1, \* 2/2 RC, p2; repeat from \* to last 5 sts, 2/2 RC, p1.

**Row 8:** Repeat Row 2.

**Rows 9 - 14**: Repeat Rows 1 and 2 three times. **Repeat Rows 7 - 14** for Left Sleeve Cable Pattern.

Right Sleeve Cable Pattern (multiple of 6 sts + 6)

**Row 1 (right side)**: P1, \* k4, p2; repeat from \* to last 5 sts, k4, p1.

**Row 2**: K1, \* p4, k2; repeat from \* to last 5 sts, p4, k1.

**Rows 3 - 6:** Repeat Rows 1 and 2 two times.

**Row 7**: P1, \* 2/2 LC, p2; repeat from \* to last 5 sts, 2/2 LC, p1.

Row 8: Repeat Row 2.

**Rows 9 - 14**: Repeat Rows 1 and 2 three times. **Repeat Rows 7 - 14** for Right Sleeve Cable Pattern.

# **SWEATER Back**

With knitting needles, cast on 95 (107, 117, 131,139) sts.

Set up Ribbing Pattern

**Row 1 (wrong side):** P1 selvedge st, k1, [p4, k2] 5 (5, 6, 6, 7) times, place first marker, p1, [k1, p1] 15 (21, 20, 27, 25) times, place second marker, [k2, p4] 5 (5, 6, 6, 7) times, k1, p1 selvedge st.

Keeping first and last st in St st for selvedge, and continuity of sts in rib pattern as established, **work 6 more rows.** 

Dec and Set up Cable Panel Patterns

Next Row (right side): K1, work Row 1 of
Cable Panel A across to first marker, slip
marker, k1 (k3, k3, k1, k3), k2tog, \* k2, k2tog;
repeat from \* to 0 (2, 0, 0, 2) sts before second
marker, k0 (k2, k0, k0, k2), slip marker, work
Row

1 of Cable Panel B to end row–87 (97, 107, 117, 127) sts. Keeping sts between markers in St st, continue in pattern as established until all rows of Cable Patterns have been worked, and Panels are completed.

Continue in St st until piece measures 13  $(13\frac{1}{2}, 13\frac{3}{4}, 14, 14\frac{1}{4})$ " from beginning, ending with a wrong side row

# **Shape Armholes**

Bind off 4 (5, 6, 7, 8) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.

Continue to bind off at armhole edge 3 sts once, then 2 sts 2 (2, 2, 4, 6) times–69 (77, 85, 89, 93) sts. Dec 1 st at beginning and end of next row, then every other row 2 (2, 3, 4, 5) times–63 (71, 77, 79, 81) sts.

Work even until armhole measures  $6\frac{3}{4}$  ( $7\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $7\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $8\frac{1}{2}$ , 9)", ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Shoulders and Back Neck
Bind off 5 (6, 7, 7, 7) sts at beginning of next
row, work until there are 14 (16, 18, 18, 19)
sts on right hand needle, place center 25 (27,
27, 29, 29) sts on stitch holder for back neck;
join a second ball of yarn and work to end.
Working both sides at once with separate balls
of yarn, bind off 5 (6, 7, 7, 7) sts at beginning of
next 3 rows, then bind off 5 (6, 7, 7, 8) sts at
beginning of next 2 rows AND AT SAME TIME,
bind off 2 sts at each neck edge twice.

### **Front**

Work same as for Back, until armhole measures 4  $(4\frac{1}{4}, 4\frac{1}{2}, 5, 5\frac{1}{2})$ ", ending with a wrong side row.

# **Shape Neck**

**Next Row**: K25 (28, 31, 31, 32) sts, place center 13 (15, 15, 17, 17) sts on holder, join a second ball of yarn and k to end. Working both sides at once with separate balls of yarn, bind

off 3 sts at each neck edge once, then bind off 2 sts each neck edge twice–18 (21, 24, 24, 25) sts each side. Dec 1 st each neck edge every other row 3 times–15 (18, 21, 21, 22) sts each side.

Work even until armhole measures same as Back to shoulder edge, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Shoulders Same as for Back.

# **Left Sleeve**

With knitting needles, cast on 74 (82, 90, 90, 98) sts.

**Row 1 (wrong side):** \* P1, k1; repeat from \* across.

Repeat Row 1 for P1, k1 rib until piece measures 1", ending with a wrong side row.

Next Row: Begin St st and dec across as follows: \* k2, k2tog; repeat from \* to last 2 sts, k2–56 (62, 68, 68, 74) sts.

Work even in St st until sleeve measures 11¾ (11½, 11¾, 11½, 11¾)" from beginning,

# **Set up Cable Pattern and Shape Sleeve**

ending with a wrong side row.

K1, work Row 1 of Cable Pattern for Left Sleeve across row to last st, k1. Working extra sts into cable pattern as they become available, inc 1 st at beginning and end of every fourth row 3 (2, 1, 8, 7) times, then every sixth row 3 (4, 5, 1, 2) times–68 (74, 80, 86, 92) sts. Work even until piece measures 16¾ (16¾, 17¼, 17¼, 18)" from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Sleeve Cap

Bind off 4 (5, 6, 7, 8) sts at beginning of next 2 rows, then bind off 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows, then bind off 2 sts at beginning of next 2 (2, 2, 4, 6) rows–50 (54, 58, 58, 58) sts. Dec 1 st at beginning and end of next row, then every other row 3 (4, 5, 3, 4) times, then every fourth row 2 (2, 3, 4, 3) times, then every other row 4 (4, 3, 4, 6) times–30 (32, 34, 34, 30)sts. Bind off 2 sts at beginning of next 4 rows, then bind off 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows, then bind off 4 sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Bind off remaining 8 (10, 12, 12, 8) sts.

# **Right Sleeve**

Work same as for Left Sleeve, working Right Sleeve Cable Pattern.

# **FINISHING**

Sew left shoulder seam.

Neckband

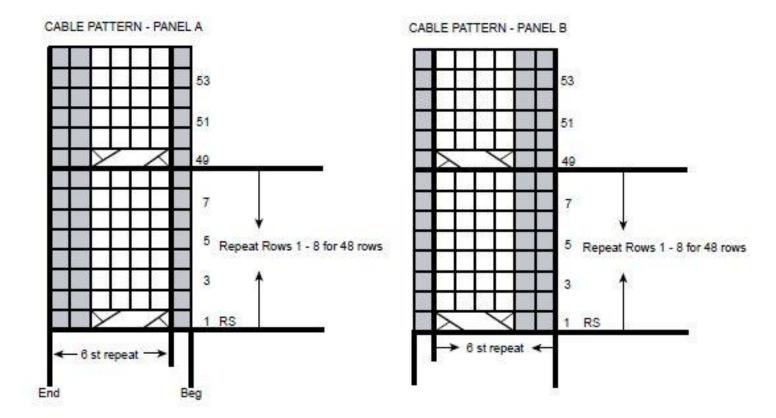
With right side facing and circular needles, pick up and k 108 (114, 118, 124, 124) sts evenly around neckline

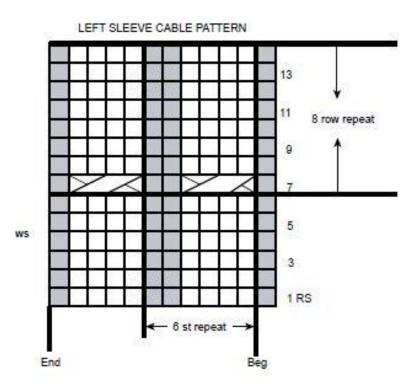
including sts from back and front neck holders. Work in P1,

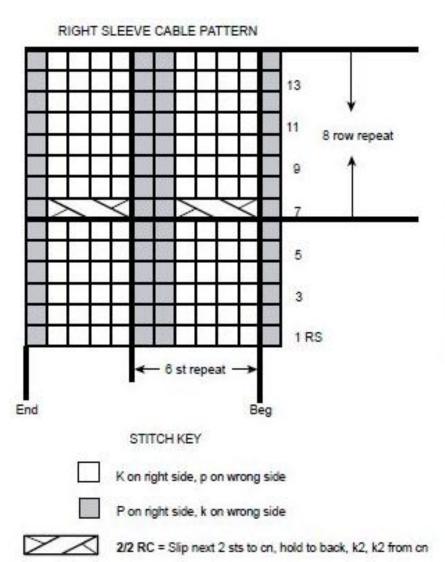
k1 rib same as for sleeves for 6 rows. Bind off loosely.

Sew right shoulder seam including sides of neckband.

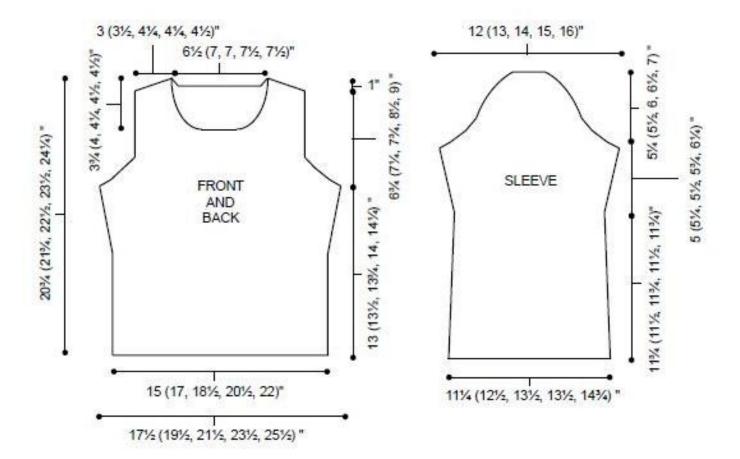
Set in







2/2 LC = Slip next 2 sts to on, hold to front, k2, k2 from on



# **Lacy Leaves Cardigan**

# By: Vickie Howell for Caron

Infuse some style into your wardrobe with this girly Lacy Leaves Cardigan. Free sweater knitting patterns without long sleeves are not only faster to knit, but they are a great pattern to knit for autumn and winter.



# **SIZES**

Small (Medium, Large, 1X, 2X)

### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bust: 36 3/4 (40 1/4, 43 3/4, 47 1/4, 51)",

buttoned

Length: 21 1/4 (22 1/2, 24, 25, 26 3/4)"

# **MATERIALS**

- Stitch.Rock.Love. Sheep(ish) from Caron (70% Acrylic/30% Wool; 3oz/85g, 167yds/153m)#0006 Magenta(ish): 5 (5, 6, 7, 8) skeins
- One size US 9 (5.5mm) circular needle, 24" long, or size to obtain gauge
- One set US 9 (5.5mm) double-pointed needles
- Stitch markers
- Stitch holders or waste yarn

- 7 buttons, 1"/25mm diameter
- Yarn needle

### **GAUGE**

In Reverse Stockinette stitch, 18 sts and 24 rows = 4"/10cm

# **ABBREVIATIONS**

P1-f/b: Purl next stitch, then purl it through back loop. (1 stitch increased)

Skp: Slip 1 stitch knitwise, k1, pass slipped stitch over. (1 stitch decreased)

Ssk: Slip next 2 stitches, 1 at a time, to RH needle as if to knit, return stitches to LH needle in new orientation, knit 2 stitches together through back loop. (1 stitch decreased)

### STITCHES USED

Garter Stitch: Knit every row. 1x1 Rib (multiple of 2 sts)

**All Rows:** \*K1, p1; rep from \* to end.

Cascading Leaves Pattern (panel of 14 sts) **Note:** You may work pattern from text or Chart.

**Row 1 (RS)**: K3, k2tog, k1, yo, p2, yo, k1, skp,

Row 2 and Every WS Row: P6, k2, p6.

**Row 3:** K2, k2tog, k1, yo, k1, p2, k1, yo, k1, skp,

**Row 5:** K1, k2tog, k1, yo, k2, p2, k2, yo, k1, skp,

**Row 7:** K2tog, k1, yo, k3, p2, k3, yo, k1, skp. Row 8: Rep Row 2.

Rep Rows 1-8 for Cascading Leaves Pattern.

2x2 Rib (multiple of 4 sts) **All Rows:** \*K2, p2; rep from \* to end.

# NOTE

Cardigan is worked in one piece from the top down.

# YOKE

With circular needle, CO 8 (10, 11, 12, 13) sts

for Left Front, pm, 7 (8, 9, 10, 11) sts for Left Sleeve, pm, 20 (22, 24, 26, 28) sts for Back, pm, 7 (8, 9, 10, 11) sts for Right Sleeve, and 16 (16, 17, 18, 19) sts for Right Front–58 (64, 70, 76, 82) sts.

Work in 1x1 Rib for 1", ending with a WS row.

# **Shape Yoke**

Shaping Row (RS): [Work in Rev St st to 1 st before marker, p1-f/b, slip marker, p1-f/b] 4 times, work in Rev St st to last 15 sts, work 14 sts of Cascading Leaves Pattern, p1-66 (72, 78, 84, 90) sts.

Continuing to work patterns as established, rep Shaping Row every other row 23 (26, 29, 32, 35) times, ending with a WS row–250 (280, 310, 340, 370) sts [32 (37, 41, 45, 49) sts for Left Front, 55 (62, 69, 76, 83) sts each Sleeve, 68 (76, 84, 92, 100) sts for Back, 40 (43, 47, 51, 55) sts for Right Front].

# **BODY**

Next Row (RS): Purl to marker for Left Front, place next 55 (62, 69, 76, 83) sts on a st holder for Left Sleeve, removing markers, CO 8 sts for underarm, purl across sts for Back, place next 55 (62, 69, 76, 83) sts on a st holder for Right Sleeve, removing markers, CO 8 sts for underarm, work to end for Right Front–156 (172, 188, 204, 220) sts.

Work even in patterns as established until piece measures 9 (9, 9 1/2, 9 1/2, 10)", from

underarm, ending with a WS row. Next Row (RS): Change to 2x2 Rib; work even for 2 1/2". BO all sts loosely in rib.

# **SLEEVES**

Transfer sts from st holder to dpns. Pick up and purl 8 sts from underarm sts, purl to end-63 (70, 77, 84, 91) sts. Join to work in the rnd; place marker at beginning of rnd. Purl 1 rnd, dec 3 (6, 5, 4, 7) sts evenly around-60 (64, 72, 80, 84) sts. Work in 2x2 Rib for 1". BO all sts loosely in rib.

# **FINISHING**

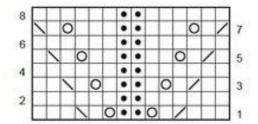
**Button Band** 

With RS facing, using circular needle, pick up and purl 3 sts for every 4 rows along Left Front. Work in Garter st for 2". BO all sts loosely.

# **Buttonhole Band**

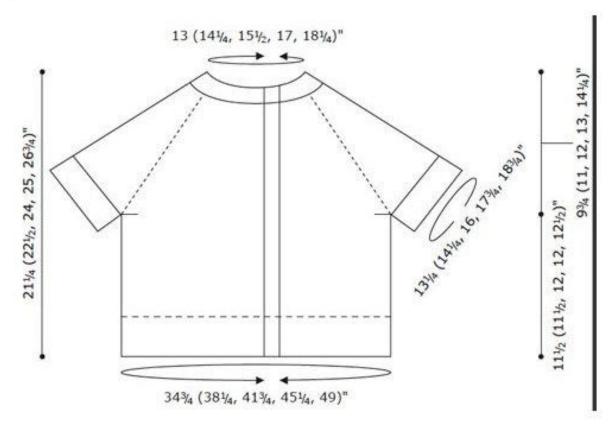
Work as for Button Band until Band measures 1", ending with a WS row. Place markers for 7 buttons, the first and last 1" from top and bottom edge, and the remaining 5 evenly spaced between.

**Buttonhole Row (RS):** [Knit to marker, k2tog, (yo) twice, ssk] 7 times, knit to end. Complete as for Button Band. Using yarn needle, weave in ends. Sew on buttons.



# CASCADING LEAVES PATTERN





# **Sassy Knit Tunic**

By: Vickie Howell for Caron

Holey knitting patterns can be incredibly stylish and this Sassy Knit Tunic is no exception. Wear this beauty with a light tank top and some jeans and you'll be ready for a late night, summer stroll. Pair it with a brown belt for added visual interest.



SIZES: X-Small/Small (Medium/Large, 1X/2X, 3X/4X)

**Note:** Piece is intended to have a blousy fit.

# **FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

Bust 45 (52, 59, 65 1/2)" Back Length 28 (29, 30, 31)"

# **GAUGE**

In Openwork Pattern, 14 sts and 21 rows = 4"/10cm, using larger needles

# **ABBREVIATIONS**

Skp: Slip 1 stitch knitwise, k1, pass slipped stitch over. (1 stitch decreased)
Tbl: Through back loops

# **MATERIALS:**

- Stitch.Rock.Love. Sheep(ish) from Caron (70% Acrylic/30% Wool; 3oz/85g, 167yds/153m) #0016 Teal(ish): 9 (10, 12, 13) skeins
- One pair size U.S. 9 (5.5mm) needles or size to obtain gauge
- One pair size U.S. 8 (5mm) needles or size to obtain gauge
- One circular needle size U.S. 9 (5.5mm), 16"/40cm long
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle

# STITCHES USED

Garter Stitch: Knit all rows when working back and forth; knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd when working in the rnd.
Rib Pattern: (multiple of 4)

# **INSTRUCTIONS**

Row 1 (RS): \*K2, p2; rep from \* to end. Row 2: Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts as they face you. Rep Row 2 for Rib Pattern. Openwork Pattern: (multiple of 4 sts + 3) Note: You may work pattern from text or Chart.

**Row 1:** K4, \*k2tog, yo, k2; rep from \* to last 3 sts, k2tog, yo, k1.

**Row 2**: \*P2, yo, p2tog; rep from \* to last 3 sts, p3.

**Row 3**: \*K2, k2tog, yo; rep from \* to last 3 sts, k3.

**Row 4:** P4, \*yo, p2tog, p2; rep from \* to last 3 sts, yo, p2tog, p1.

**Row 5**: K1, \*yo, skp, k2; rep from \* to last 2 sts, k2.

**Row 6**: P3, \*p2tog-tbl, yo, p2; rep from \* to end.

**Row 7**: K3, \*yo, skp, k2; rep from \* to end. **Row 8**: P1, \*p2tog-tbl, yo, p2; rep from \* to last 2 sts, p2.

# NOTE:

Front and Back are worked the same.

# **FRONT**

With smaller needle, CO 80 (92, 104, 116) sts. Work in Rib Pattern until piece measures 5"/12.5cm from the beginning, ending with a WS row, dec 1 st at end of last row—79 (91, 103, 115) sts.

Change to larger needles and Openwork Pattern; work even until piece measures approx 18 (18, 19, 19)"/45.5 (45.5, 48.5, 48.5)cm from the beginning, ending with Row 8 of pattern.

**Shape Sleeves (RS)**: CO 28 (28, 32, 32) sts at

beginning of next 2 rows, working CO sts in Openwork Pattern–135 (147, 167, 179) sts. Work even until Sleeve measures 9 (10, 10, 11)"/23 (25.5, 25.5, 28)cm from the beginning, ending with a RS row. Change to Garter st; work even for 1". BO all sts.

# **BACK**

Work as for Front.

### **FINISHING**

Block pieces to measurements. Sew side and bottom Sleeve seams. Sew top of Sleeve/shoulder seams, leaving 14"/35.5cm neck opening, or to suit.

# **Sleeve Cuffs**

With RS facing, using circular needle, pick up and knit 62 (64, 64, 72) sts around Sleeve edge. Join to work in the rnd; place marker at beginning of rnd. Work in Garter st for 2". BO all sts. Using yarn needle, weave in ends.

# **Top Down Cardi**

# By: Louise Felice of Lucinda Designs

Knit from the top down, this classic cardigan is a dream to personalize and customize. Just try it on as you go to create a fit that's just right for you.



Finished Size: 19 (21, 23)" chest circumference,

to fit 3–6 (9–12, 18–24) months. Sweater

shown

measures 21".

Yarn: Double Knitting yd [115 m]/50 g; ):

4 (4, 5) balls.

Needles: Body—size 4 (3.5 mm): Adjust needle size if necessary to

obtain the correct gauge. Notions: Markers (m); Gauge: 23 sts and 33 rows

# Stitch Guide:

# Notes

• This sweater is worked from the top down in one piece. Body is picked up and worked downward after the sleeves is completed.

- Keep the first and last five stitches in garter stitch throughout for front bands.
- A Make button holes every 20 rows starting from the 1<sup>st</sup> one indicated in the pattern

Top Body

Neckband: CO 70 (75, 80) sts.

Knit 3 rows, at the end of the  $4^{th}$ , knit to last 5 sts.

K1, yarn over needle, k 2 tog k2. Do this every 20 rows for buttonholes)

Knit 4 rows.

*Next row:* (RS) Knit and inc 10 (11, 12) sts evenly across 80 (86, 92) sts.

# Yoke:

Establish patt and shape raglan:

Row 1: (and all odd numbered rows)(WS) Purl.

Row 2: (RS) K5 (front band; see Notes) K 12 (14, 14) sts,

k1f&b, (knit one stitch in the front of stitch on left handed needles and knit one in the back of same stitch – you are increasing a stitch) place marker (pm).

k1f&b, k8 (8, 10), k1f&b, pm,

k1f&b, k22 (24, 26), k1f&b, pm,

k1f&b, k8 (8, 10), k1f&b,pm,

k1f&b, K 12 (14, 14) sts,

k5(front band)—8 sts increased.

*Row 3:* Keeping front bands in garter st. P

*Row 4:* K5, k12 12 (14, 14), \*knit to 1 st before m, k1f&b, sl m, k1f&b; rep from \* 3 times, knit to

last 17 (19, 19) sts, K 12 (14, 14) k5—8 sts increased.

Cont in patt and rep last 2 rows 17 (19, 21) more times, ending with a RS row—232 (254, 276) sts total: 62

(68, 74) sts for

back, 48 (52, 58) sts for each sleeve, and 37 (41, 43) sts for each front. Work 1 row even.

*Divide sleeves and body:* (RS)

Sleeves

Knit to first marker,
Knit across 1st sleeve (sts between 1st and
2nd marker0
continue on these sts 48 (52, 58) and knit 10
rows in stocking stitch (1 row K 1 row P)
Knit 10 rows in garter stitch (k both sides)
Cast off
Rejoin yarn and knit to next marker (that's the

back)

Then knit to the  $4^{th}$  marker and turn, knitting on these 48 (52, 58) sts that are the other sleeve

K 10 rows in stocking stitch and 10 rows in garter stitch.

Cast off.

**Bottom Body** 

Rejoin yarn to remaining 37 (41, 43) sts (the other front) turn and knit across all remaining stitches so that you have a front, 37 (41, 43) sts the back: 62 (68, 74) sts and the other front 37 (41, 43) sts.

Knit until back measures 9 (10, 11½)" from CO, measured straight down back, ending with a RS row. Knit 7 rows. In garter stitch. Cast off all sts.

Finishing
Weave in loose ends, sew up underarms, add buttons
FINISHED!!!!

# Men's Easy Weekend Sweater

# By: Red Heart Yarn

Perfect for wearing during both work and play, this Men's Weekend Sweater is one of those free knit sweater patterns you'll be dying to make for all the men in your life, or maybe even for yourself! Made with chunky yarn, this sweater should stand the test against even the harshest of winter weather.



	Materials:		100000000000000000000000000000000000000	
RED HE	ART® "Co	mfort® Ch	unky": Art	N405
Size 6	Size 8	Size 10	Size 12	Size 14
Chest Me	easuremen	t:		
26"	28"	30"	32"	34"
(66cm)	(71cm)	(76cm)	(81cm)	(86cm)
Finished	Chest:	SHOWER STREET	Indiana susualita	02/0-0/0/2020
281/2"	301/2"	32"	34"	37"
(72cm)	(77cm)	(81cm)	(86cm)	(94cm)
Length a	t centre ba	ck:	680 18	0. (2)
201/2"	21"	221/2"	24"	25"
(52cm)	(53cm)	(57cm)	(61cm)	(63cm)

Sleeve se	Sleeve seam:						
12"	14"	151/2"	17"	17"			
(31cm)	(35cm)	(39cm)	(43cm)	(43cm)			
RED HEA	ART® "Cor	nfort® Chu	inky": Art I	N405			
2 balls	2 balls	2 balls	2 balls	2 balls			
Sizes & I	Materials:						
RED HEA	RED HEART® "Comfort® Chunky": Art N405						
Size 36	Size 38	Size 40	Size 42	Size 44			
Chest Me	Chest Measurement:						
36"	38"	40"	42"	44"			
(91cm)	(97cm)	(102cm)	(107cm)	(112cm)			
Finished	Chest:	370	100				
38"	40"	42"	44	46"			
(96cm)	(102cm)	(107cm)	(112cm)	(117cm)			
Length at	centre bac	k:					
26"	261/2"	27"	30"	32"			
(66cm)	(67cm)	(69cm)	(76cm)	(81cm)			
Sleeve le	ngth:	35 E	# 36				
	18"	181/2"	181/2"	19"			
(46cm)	(46cm)	(47cm)	(47cm)	(48cm)			
RED HE	ART® "Cor	nfort® Chu	ınky": Art l	N405			
3 balls	3 balls	3 balls	3 balls	3 balls			
Two 5 mr	m (US 8) ar	nd two 6 mr	n (US 10) l	nitting			
				DOUBLE STORY			

Two 5 mm (US 8) and two 6 mm (US 10) knitting needles or whichever needles you require to produce the tension given below. Stitch holders.

**Tension:** 15 sts and 20 rows = 4" (10cm) with 6 mm needles in stocking st. CHECK YOUR TENSION. Use any size needles to obtain the tension.

The instruction are written for size 6. Any changes necessary for sizes 8, 10, 12, 14, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 are written in brackets: - ().

**Back:** With 5 mm needles cast on 50 sts (54, 58, 60, 64, 66, 70, 74, 78, 82) and work (K1. P1) ribbing for 2 (2, 2½, 2½, 2½, 2½, 3, 3, 3, 3) ins, 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 8, 8, 8, 8) cm, ending with right side facing for next row and increasing 7 sts (4, 4, 5, 5, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7) evenly across last row.

# Change to 6 mm needles and proceed in pattern as follows:

**Next Row:** \*K3, P1 repeat from \* to last stitch K1 (RS). Repeat last row for pattern until back from beginning measures 12½ (14½, 14½, 15½, 16, 16, 17, 17, 17½, 18) ins, 32 (37, 37,

39, 39, 41, 44, 44,

45, 46) cm or desired length to underarm, ending with right side facing for next row.

**To shape armholes:** Next Row: Cast off 2 sts. Pattern to end of row.

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**Next Row:** K2tog. Pattern to last 2 sts. K2tog.

Work 3 rows even in pattern.

**Next Row**: Continue in pattern, decreasing 1 st each end of needle on next, then every alternate row to 19 (21, 21, 23, 23, 25, 27, 27, 27, 29) sts on

needle. Work 1 row in pattern. Leave remaining sts on a stitch holder.

**Front:** Work as given for back to 33 (35, 35, 41, 41, 42, 45, 49, 49, 51) sts on needles. Work 1 row even.

**To shape neck:** K2tog. Pattern 8 (8, 8, 10, 10, 10, 10, 12, 12, 12). K2tog. Turn. Leave remaining sts on a stitch holder Working on these 10 (10, 10, 12, 12, 12, 12, 14, 14, 14) sts in pattern dec 1 st each end of needle on following 2 alternate rows. 6 (6, 6, 8, 8, 8, 8, 10, 10, 10) sts on needle. Keeping neck edge even, continue decreasing 1 st every alternate row at armhole edge to 2 sts

on needle. Work 1 row even. **Next Row:** K2tog. Fasten off.

With right side of work facing, slip next 9 (11, 11, 13, 13, 15, 17, 17, 17, 19) sts on to a st holder for centre front neck. Join yarn to remaining sts. Work 2tog. Pattern to last 2 sts. Work 2 tog.

Continue to correspond to opposite side reversing all shapings.

**Sleeves:** With 5 mm needles cast on 24 (26, 26, 28, 28, 30, 32, 32, 35, 36) sts and work in rib as given for back - increasing 5 (3, 3, 5, 5, 3, 5, 5, 2, 5) sts on last row of rib. Change to 6mm needles and proceed taking increased stitches into pattern, inc 1 st each end of needle on 3rd (5th, 3rd, 5th, 5th, 3rd, 3rd, 5th, 5th, 5th) row then every following 9th (10th, 8th, 9th, 8th, 8th, 7th, 7th, 7th) row to 41 (43, 47, 49,

51, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65) sts.

Continue even until sleeve from beginning measures

12 (14, 15½, 17, 17, 18, 18, 18½, 18½, 19) ins 31 (35, 38, 43, 43, 46, 46, 47, 47, 48) cm or desired length to underarm, ending with RIGHT side facing for next row.

**To shape armholes**: Next row: Cast off 2 sts. Pattern to end of row.

**Next row:** Cast off 2 sts. Pattern to end of row. **Next row:** K2tog, pattern to last 2 sts. K2tog. Work

3 rows even in pattern.

**Next row:** K2tog, pattern to last 2 sts. K2tog. Work 3 rows even in pattern.

Continue in pattern decreasing 1 st each end of needle on next, then every alternate row until 5 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6) sts remain on needle. Work 1 row even. Leave these sts on a stitch holder.

**To make up**: Sew side and sleeve seams. Sew in sleeves leaving left back armhole seam open.

**Neckband**: Working in K1, P1 rib, with right side of work facing and 5 mm needles work 5 (5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6) sts from left sleeve. Pick up and work 10 (10, 10, 11, 11, 11, 11, 13, 13, 13) sts down left side of neck. Work sts from front st holder. Pick up and work 10 (10, 10, 11, 11, 11, 11, 13, 13, 13) sts up right side of neck. Work 5 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6) sts from right sleeve. Work 19 (21, 21, 23, 23, 25,

27, 27, 27, 29) sts from stitch holder, increasing 2 sts evenly across back 60 (64, 64, 69, 69, 75, 79, 83, 83, 87) sts on needle. Work in (K1, P1) ribbing for 4 (4, 4, 4, 4, 6, 6, 6, 6) rows. Cast off

# **Downton Abbey Cardigan**

# By: Red Heart Yarn

Adapted and updated from a vintage knitting pattern from the 1900s, this classic cardigan can easily be dressed up or down depending on the occasion.



Directions are for size Small; changes for sizes Medium, Large, XLarge and XXLarge are in parentheses.

Finished Bust: 28 (32, 36, 40, 44)". Finished Length: 20½ (21, 2½, 24, 25½,)".

# **Materials:**

RED HEART® "LusterSheen®": 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) skeins 0824 Medium Blue. Circular Knitting Needles: 3.25mm [US 3] and 3.75mm [US 5] 29" long.

Stitch markers, stitch holders, five 7/8"-diameter buttons (bohemian glass retro buttons) yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 24 sts = 4"; 28 rows = 4" in K1, p2 rib slightly stretched. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge given.

**Note:** Sweater is worked back and forth in rows. Circular needles are used to accommodate large number of stitches. K2, p2 Rib (Multiple of 4 + 2 sts) **Row 1 (Right Side):** K2, \* p2, k2; repeat from \* to end.

**Row 2:** P2, \* k2, p2; repeat form \* to end. Repeat Rows 1 – 2 for K2, p2 rib.

# **Body**

With smaller needles, cast on 254 (282, 310, 338, 366) sts.

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Work in K1, p1 rib over first 14 sts for right front band, place marker, work in K2, p2 rib across row to last 14 sts, place marker, k1, p1 rib to end for left front band.

Keeping first and last 14 sts in K1, p1 rib, and sts between markers in K2, p2 rib throughout, work even until piece measures 1", end by working a wrong side row.

**Next Row (Buttonhole Row):** Rib 5 sts, bind off 4 sts, work in pattern as established across.

**Next Row:** Cast on 4 sts over bound off sts from previous row.

Work in pattern as established and repeat Buttonhole Row every 2½" for 5 buttonholes AND AT THE SAME TIME when piece measures 4" from beginning, change to larger needles. Continue even until piece measures 12 (12, 13,

14, 15)," end by working a wrong side row. Divide for Front and Back

**Next Row:** Work across first 70 (78, 84, 92, 98) sts for Right Front, bind off next 4 (6, 8, 10, 10) sts, work across 110 (120, 134, 144, 160) sts for Back, place remaining

70 (78, 84, 92, 98) sts for Left Front on holder.

### **Next Row:**

Bind off 4 (6, 8, 10, 10) sts, work across remaining 106 (114, 126, 134, 150) Back sts; place remaining 70 (78, 84, 92, 98) sts for Right Front on holder.

# **Back**

Working on sts for Back only, bind off 2 sts at beginning of next 4 (6, 8, 10, 12) rows, then dec 1 st at beginning and end of every right side row 5 (5, 6, 5, 8) times–88 (92, 98, 104, 110) sts. Work even until armhole measures 8 (8½, 9,

9½, 10)", end by working a wrong side row.

# **Shape Back Neck and Shoulders**

**Next Row:** Work across first 34 (36, 38, 40, 42) sts, bind off next 20 (20, 22, 24, 26) sts for back neck, work to end of row. Working on these \* 34 (36, 38, 40, 42) sts, bind off 5 sts at neck edge twice–24 (26, 28, 30, 32) sts. Place sts

on a holder. Join yarn to remaining sts and repeat from \*.

# **Right Front**

# **Shape Armhole and Neck**

Slip 70 (78, 84, 92, 98) sts from holder for Right Front to larger needles. Join yarn to wrong side and bind off first 4 (6, 8, 10, 10) sts, work in pattern to end of row–66 (72, 76, 82, 88) sts.

**Next Row (Dec)**: Work across 14 band sts, dec 1 st after marker, work in pattern to end of row.

**Repeat Dec Row** every other row 9 (11, 14, 16, 22) times more, then every 4th row 8 (8, 7, 7, 5) times more AND AT THE SAME TIME shape armhole as follows: dec 1 st at armhole edge every right side row 10 (12, 12, 14, 14) times -38 (40, 42, 44, 46) sts. Work even until armhole measures  $8\frac{1}{2}$  (9,  $9\frac{1}{2}$ , 10,  $10\frac{1}{2}$ )" end by working a wrong side row Next Row (Right Side): Work across 14 band sts, slip remaining 24 (26, 28, 30, 32) sts to holder. Work band sts for  $2\frac{3}{4}$  ( $2\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $3\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $3\frac{1}{4}$ )". Slip sts to holder.

# **Left Front**

Shape Armhole and Neck Slip 70 (78, 84, 92, 98) sts from holder for Left Front to larger needles. Join yarn to right side at armhole edge and bind off first 4 (6, 8, 10, 10) sts, work in pattern as established to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, work to end of row-66 (72, 76, 82, 88) sts. Continue to dec 1 st before marker every other row other row 9 (11, 14, 16, 22) times more, then every 4th row 8 (8, 7, 7, 5) times more AND AT THE SAME TIME shape armhole as follows: dec 1 st every right side row at armhole edge 10 (12, 12, 14, 14) times -38 (40, 42, 44, 46) sts. Work even until armhole measures 8½ (9, 9½, 10,  $10\frac{1}{2}$ )" end by working a wrong side row. Next Row (Right Side): Work across 14 band sts, slip remaining 24 (26, 28, 30, 32) sts to holder. Work band sts for 23/4 (23/4, 3, 31/4, 3½)". Slip sts to holder.

# Sleeves (make 2)

With smaller needles, cast on 74 (78, 82, 86, 94) sts. Work in K2, p2 rib  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , 2, 2)", end by working a wrong side row.

Next Row (Right Side): Inc 1 st in each purl rib across row-92 (97, 102, 107, 117) sts.

# **Shape Sleeve**

Change to larger needles, and work K2, p3 rib shaping sleeve by inc 1 st at the beginning and end of every right side row 5 (5, 6, 6, 7) times–102 (107, 114, 119, 131) sts.

Work even until piece measures  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ , 5, 5,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ )", end by working a wrong side row.

# Shape Cap

Next Row: Bind off 4 (6, 8, 10,10) sts at the beginning of next 2 rows–94 (95, 98, 99,111) sts. Dec 1 st at beginning and end of every right side row twice– 90 (91, 94, 95, 107)sts. Work even until piece measures 10 (10½, 11½, 12,

13)", end by working a wrong side row. Bind off 4 sts at beginning of every row 12 times. Bind off remaining 42 (43, 46, 47, 59) sts.

# **Make Pleats**

With right side facing, find center 3 knit rib sts on right side of sleeve. Beginning at bind off edge, sew rib sts together for 2", sewing down rib along adjoining purl sts. Make 6 pleats on either side of center pleat. (13 pleats total).

# Shoulder Pads (Make 2)

With smaller needles, cast on 26 sts. Work in

St st until piece measures 2" end by working a wrong side row. Bind off. Fold piece in half and sew cast on edge to bind off edge gathering slightly. Sew in top of sleeve seam.

# **FINISHING**

Join shoulders with 3-Needle Bind off as follows:

Slip sts from first half onto knitting needle. With wrong sides facing, and points of both needles pointing to the right, use spare needle to \* knit the first st from the front needle together with the first st from the back needle. Knit the next

st from each needle in the same manner, then bind off 1 st.

Repeat from \* until all sts have been bound off. Fasten off last st. Repeat for back neck band. Sew in place.

# **SLEEVE**

Set in sleeves. Sew sleeve seams. Sew on buttons to correspond to buttonholes. Weave in yarn ends.

# **Pullover Cable Hoodie**

# By: Red Heart Yarn

For an added layer of warmth this winter, just throw on this chunky cabled pullover. Elegant and colorful, this cozy sweater is just what you need for the chilly season.



Directions are for size Small; changes for sizes Medium, and Large are in parentheses.

**Finished Bust:** 36½ (41½, 47)". **Finished Length:** 21½ (23½, 25)". **Hood Finished Length:** 19½".

- RED HEART® Boutique™ "Eclipse™": Pullover - 9 (10, 11) balls, Hood - 5 balls 9803 Starry Night.
- Circular Knitting Needles: 5.5mm [US 9] and 6.5mm [US 10½] 32".
- Stitch marker, stitch holder, cable needle, yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 16 sts = 4"; 24 rows = 4" in St st with larger needles.

CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge given.

# **Special Abbreviations**

**3/3 LC** = Slip next 3 sts to cable needle, hold to front; k3:

k3 from cable needle.

**3/3 RC** = Slip next 3 sts to cable needle, hold to back; k3,

k3 from cable needle.

**MB** = Make bobble: (k1, p1) twice into same st, turn, p4, turn, k4, turn, p4, slip 2 sts purlwise, k2tog, p2sso.

**Notes:** Pullover is worked back and forth in rows, in one piece from sleeve to sleeve. Circular needles are used to accommodate large number of sts. Snood is worked in the round.

### **PULLOVER**

### Sleeve

With larger needles, cast on 115 sts.

# **Begin Pattern**

**Row 1 (Right Side):** \* K5, p2, k4, [p1, k1] 3 times, k3, p2; repeat from \* to last 5 sts, k5.

**Row 2:** \* P5, k2, p3, [k1, p1] 4 times, p2, k2; repeat from \* to last 5 sts, p5.

Rows 3 and 4: Repeat Rows 1 and 2.

**Row 5:** K5, p2, 3/3 LC, k1, 3/3 RC, p2, k2, MB, k2, [p2, 3/3 LC, k1, 3/3 RC, p2, k5] 2 times, p2, 3/3 LC, k1, 3/3 RC, p2, k2, MB, k2, p2, 3/3 LC, k1, 3/3 RC, p2, k5.

**Rows 6, 8, 10 and 12:** \* P5, k2, p13, k2: repeat from \* to last 5 sts, p5.

**Rows 7, 9, and 11:** \* K5, p2, k13, p2; repeat from \* to last 5 sts, k5.

**Row 13:** K5, p2, 3/3 RC, k1, 3/3 LC, p2, k2, MB, k2, [p2, 3/3 RC, k1, 3/3 LC, p2, k5] 2 times, p2, 3/3 RC, k1, 3/3 LC, p2, k2, MB, k2, p2, 3/3 RC, k1, 3/3 LC, p2, k5.

Rows 14 and 16: Same as Row 2.

Row 15: Same as Row 1.

Repeat Rows 1 – 16 until piece measures 13" from beginning, end by working Row 16 of pattern.

**Back and Front** 

**Next Row:** Cast on 33 (40, 47) sts and work across these

sts as follows: k2, p2, [k5, p2] 2 (3, 4) times, k4, [p1, k1] 3 times, k3, p2, work in pattern as established to end of row–148 (155, 162) sts. **Next Row:** Cast on 33 (40, 47) sts and work across these sts as follows: P2, k2, [p5, k2] 2 (3, 4) times, p3, [k1, p1] 4 times, p2, k2, work in pattern as established to end of row–181 (195, 209) sts.

Continue in pattern until piece measures 5 (6½, 8)" from last cast on edge, end by working Row 16 (8, 16) of pattern.

# **Divide for Neck Opening**

**Next Row:** Work across first 86 (93, 100) sts and place on holder, bind off next 9 sts for neck opening, work in pattern to end of row. Continue in pattern on these 86 (93, 100) sts until neck measures 8", ending with Row 16 (8, 16) of pattern Cut yarn. Place sts on holder.

With wrong side facing, slip sts from holder onto needle and attach yarn. Continue in pattern until neck measures 8", ending with Row 16 (8, 16).

# Join and complete Body

**Next Row:** Keeping continuity of pattern, work across 86 (93, 100) sts on needle, turn, cast on 9 sts, turn, work across 86 (93, 100) sts from holder–181 (195, 209) sts. Continue in pattern for 5  $(6\frac{1}{2}, 8)$ ", ending with Row 16 of pattern.

# Sleeve

Bind off 33 (40, 47) sts at beginning of next 2 rows–115 sts. Continue even in pattern until sleeve measures 13", ending with Row 16 of pattern. Bind off in pattern.

# **FINISHING**

# **Lower Rib Bands**

With right side facing and smaller needles, pickup and k73 (83, 93) sts evenly along lower edge of Back.

**Row 1 (wrong side):** P4, \* k5, p5; repeat from \* to last 9 sts, k5, p4.

**Row 2:** K4, \* p5, k5; repeat from \* to last 9 sts, p5, k4. Repeat Rows 1 and 2 five times more, then work Row 1 once more. Bind off loosely

in rib. Work Front lower band in same manner. Fold Front and Back in half at neck edge. Join side and sleeve seams. Weave in yarn ends.

# **HOOD**

With larger needles, cast on 170 sts. Place marker for beginning of round and join, being careful not to twist sts.

**Round 1:** \* K5, p5; repeat form \* around. Repeat Round

1 until piece measures 20" from beginning. Bind off in pattern. Weave in yarn ends.

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